

1 OPENING REMARKS
2 For the Public Hearing on

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4 A DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT
5 RENEWAL
6 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
7 STATEMENT (EAS)

8 FOR

9 U. S. NASA / LOCKHEED MARTIN
10 MI CHOU D ASSEMBLY FACI LIT Y

11 New Or l eans, Or l eans Pari sh, Loui si ana

12 Agency Interest Number 9145
13 Permi t Number LA 4800014587-OP-RN-1,
14 Acti vi ty Number PER19970001

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16 The Loui si ana Department of Envi ronmental
17 Quali ty held a Public Hearing and was reported at the
18 Uni versi ty of New Or l eans, Earl K. Long Li brary, 2000
19 Lakeshore Drive, New Or l eans, Loui si ana, on Thursday,
20 April 6, 2006, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

21 Reported by:
22 Jan Berard,
23 Certi fi ed Court Reporter

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2 For the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:
3 Mr. Perry Theriot,
4 Hearing Officer
5 Ms. Soumaya Ghosn,
6 Environmental Assistance Division
7 Ms. Laura Ambeau,
8 Environmental Assistance Division
9 For U. S. NASA / Lockheed Martin:
10 Audience Members
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1 MR. PERRY THERIOT:
2 Let the Record show that it is
3 now six o'clock. I have, here, a
4 script that is required by law that I
5 read, so please don't fall asleep
6 when I do read it. I'd like to start
7 my comments early, with my own
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8 comments, which are that it's nice to
9 back in New Orleans. Looking around
10 and seeing everything it's somewhat
11 disheartening, but also it's better
12 than it was the last time I came. So
13 if it keeps going, maybe it will get
14 back eventually to the city that I
15 grew up in.

16 (Reading document). Good
17 evening. It's six o'clock. My name
18 is Perry Theriot. I'm employed with
19 the Louisiana Department of
20 Environmental Quality. I will be
21 serving as the Hearing Officer this
22 evening, Thursday, April 6, 2006.

23 This Hearing is scheduled to
24 accept public comments concerning the
25 Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal

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1 and the associated Environmental
2 Assessment Statement (EAS) for U.S.
3 NASA / Lockheed Martin, P.O. Box
4 29304, New Orleans, Louisiana 70189
5 for the Michoud Assembly Facility in
6 Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Agency
7 Interest Number 98145, Permit Number
8 LAD 4800014587-OP-RN-1 and Activity
9 Tracking Number PER19970001. The
10 site is located 13800 Old Gentilly

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11 Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70129.
12 The U. S. NASA / Lockheed Martin
13 proposes to renew a hazardous waste
14 permit for the operation of three
15 hazardous waste storage tanks and one
16 hazardous waste container storage
17 unit. The original permit was issued
18 on December 10, 1987. The operations
19 at the Michoud Assembly Facility
20 consist of activities associated with
21 the manufacture of the external tank
22 for the Space Shuttle, including
23 metal cleaning, coating and
24 fabrication, assembly, testing and
25 lab analysis. From the above-listed

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1 activities, spent solvents and other
2 by-products are created as hazardous
3 waste. The waste is placed in
4 storage tanks and a container storage
5 unit prior to shipment off-site to an
6 authorized hazardous waste disposal
7 or treatment facility. No hazardous
8 waste is treated or disposed of on-
9 site.
10 The EAS, submitted by the
11 applicant, addresses avoidance of
12 potential and real environmental
13 effects, balancing of social economic
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14 benefits against environmental impact
15 costs, and alternative sites,
16 projects, and mitigative measures.
17 This Hearing is not being
18 conducted in a question and answer
19 format. Please remember that the
20 purpose of this Public Hearing is for
21 DEQ to receive your comments
22 concerning the Draft Hazardous Waste
23 Permit Renewal and the associated
24 Environmental Assessment Statement.
25 This Hearing is to provide all

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1 individuals a chance to be heard
2 regardless of their position on the
3 Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal.
4 Courteous behavior is expected of
5 everyone at all times. You may speak
6 in support of the Draft Hazardous
7 Waste Permit Renewal; in opposition
8 to the Draft Hazardous Waste Permit
9 Renewal; or simply to provide
10 additional information. All
11 interested persons will be given a
12 reasonable opportunity to comment,
13 unless testimony is not related to
14 the purpose of the Hearing. Your
15 comments will be evaluated and
16 addressed in the Department's written
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17 response.

18 A public notice advertising this
19 Public Hearing and request for public
20 comment on the Draft Hazardous Waste
21 Permit Renewal and the associated
22 Environmental Assessment Statement
23 was published in The Advocate, Baton
24 Rouge, The Times Picayune, New
25 Orleans, The Saint Bernard Voice,

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1 Arabi, and The Plaquemines Gazette,
2 Belle Chasse newspapers on February 3
3 and 17, 2006. It was also broadcast
4 as a public service announcement on
5 WTIX-AM Radio on February 3 and 17,
6 2006.

7 A copy of the material associated
8 with the Draft Hazardous Waste Permit
9 renewal and the associated
10 Environmental Assessment Statement is
11 available for inspection and review
12 at the LDEQ, Public Records Center,
13 Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton
14 Rouge, Louisiana. Viewing hours are
15 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday
16 through Friday, except holidays.
17 Additional copies are also available
18 for review at the New Orleans Public
19 Library, Headquarters, 219 Loyola
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20 Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.
21 In addition, copies of the public
22 notices were mailed to individuals
23 who have requested to be placed on
24 the mailing list maintained by the
25 Office of Environmental Services on

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1 February 2, 2006.
2 In accordance with Louisiana
3 Administrative Code, Title 33, Part
4 V, Section 715 comments received by
5 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2006,
6 will be considered prior to a final
7 decision. All comments received by
8 12:30 p.m., April 13, 2006, shall be
9 retained by the Department and
10 considered in determining whether to
11 issue or deny the Draft Hazardous
12 Waste Permit Renewal.

13 Written comments on this Draft
14 Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal may be
15 submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn, LDEQ-
16 OES, Environmental Assistance
17 Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge,
18 Louisiana 70821-4313.

19 Under Louisiana Revised Statutes
20 30:2017, as revised by the
21 Legislature in the 2004 session, the
22 Department is required to follow the
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23 following order with the provision
24 that the presiding officer may give
25 preference to a public official to

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1 speak at any time during the Hearing.
2 However, any time limit set for
3 citizen testimony shall apply to
4 public officials.

5 The Department must provide up to
6 30 minutes to the permit applicant
7 for an introductory presentation.
8 Thereafter, preference for speaking
9 up to one hour is given as follows:

10 For the first hour, to those
11 citizens who live within a two-mile
12 radius of the location of the
13 facility;

14 For the second hour, to those
15 citizens who work within a two-mile
16 radius of the location of the
17 facility;

18 And for the third hour, to those
19 citizens who live within the parish
20 of the location of the facility.

21 Thereafter, each hour of the
22 Hearing shall alternate between those
23 who are in support of the Draft
24 Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal and
25 those who are opposed to Draft

1 Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal .
2 The order of tonight's Hearing
3 will be based on the information
4 provided by the speaker on the
5 registration form. Anyone who
6 registered to speak but did not
7 provide the necessary information
8 will be given the opportunity to
9 speak; however, they will be called
10 last in the order of registration.
11 This Hearing is being
12 transcribed; therefore, I will ask
13 that each speaker begin by stating
14 for the Record their name, address,
15 and any organization he or she may
16 represent.
17 I would like to remind you to
18 please turn off all cell phones.
19 At this time, I would like to ask the
20 permit applicant's representative to
21 come forward and make their
22 introductory presentation.
23 MR. STEVE GALENNE:
24 I don't think anyone is here to
25 give a presentation.

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2 MR. PERRY THERIOT:
3 At this time, the facility
4 representatives have declined to make
5 their opening presentation, which is
6 their right. And so we switch over
7 the statute to the second provision.
8 And I'll allow any person who has
9 signed up to speak and present their
10 comments. This would apply to those
11 who, I believe, work at the facility
12 -- who live within a two-mile radius,
13 who live around the facility. Is
14 there anyone who lives within two
15 miles of the facility who would wish
16 to speak? Let the Record reflect
17 that no one has signed up to speak
18 and that no one has requested to
19 speak.
20 At this time, I would open it to
21 any citizens who work within a two-
22 mile radius of the location of the
23 facility.
24 LOCKHEED MARTIN REPRESENTATIVE (1):
25 Should we speak in favor as part

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1 of the hearing?
2 MR. PERRY THERIOT:

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3 You're welcome to. If you would
4 like to, you would just have to sign
5 the card in the back and get up and
6 say whatever you'd like to, and we'll
7 record it.

8 LOCKHEED MARTIN REPRESENTATIVE (2):

9 Is there any value in that?

10 MR. PERRY THERIOT:

11 Well, I'm not allowed to say
12 anything about that. Let the Record
13 reflect that no one of those citizens
14 who work within a two-mile radius of
15 the location of the facility have
16 signed to speak, nor has anyone
17 raised their hand wishing to speak.
18 So at this time, I would open it to
19 the third category, which would be
20 anyone else. Anyone wishing to speak
21 for or against the permit renewal?
22 Let the Record reflect that the
23 Hearing Officer has received no
24 sheets of those who request to speak,
25 and no one has raised their hand at

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1 this time asking to speak for or
2 against the renewal of the draft
3 permit. Is there anyone at all who
4 wishes to speak? I always end it
5 with just asking if anybody wants to

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speak. And if they do, they'll
7 welcome to step up.
8 MR. MIKE WIATER:
9 Can we make a comment on any
10 information given to this point?
11 MR. PERRY THERIOT:
12 What's that?
13 MR. MIKE WIATER:
14 Can we make a comment on any of
15 the information given so far?
16 MR. PERRY THERIOT:
17 You're welcome to speak, since
18 we've opened the floor. The last
19 thing is anyone who wishes to speak.
20 So you're welcome to pledge whatever
21 comment you'd like.
22 MR. MIKE WIATER:
23 I'm Mike Wiater with Lockheed
24 Martin, Environmental Analyst. And
25 I'd like to make a comment that the

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1 slide that shows the EPID Number for
2 the facility, it is listed as "LAD."
3 We are a Federal facility; therefore,
4 the "D" is not listed on our permit.
5 If you go back to the first line,
6 you'll see that. We did make a
7 written comment to that effect, in
8 which the Department has.

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MR. PERRY THERIOT:

That's fine. Any other comments whatsoever? Then I would like to remind you that the comment period for this Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal for U.S. NASA / Lockheed Martin Michoud Assembly Plant ends at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2006. If there are no other comments, I'd like to thank you for your attention and your participation in the Hearing.

Just for the Record: As a way of dealing with the Orleans Parish and the hurricanes and to ensure the public a better opportunity to attend the Public Hearing, DEQ will hold

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this Public Hearing again on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in Baton Rouge to receive comments regarding the Draft Hazardous Waste Permit renewal for Lockheed Martin. And I'd also like to thank everyone for coming here -- myself, personally. I always enjoy these. Today we have, here, the representatives. No one had shown up to oppose or -- other than the representatives. But in many cases,

12 I'd like to go on the Record in
13 saying that this is, kind of, unique
14 to the United States. And I let
15 everybody know that I don't think
16 you'll find another country where the
17 public decisions are allowed to have
18 hearings where people can come in and
19 oppose. Everybody ought to keep that
20 in mind each day to realize that is
21 unique, here. It's, kind of, like,
22 jury duty. When I talk to people who
23 don't like to do jury duty, but the
24 alternative is much worse. So I tell
25 people always, "Be glad that hearings

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1 are done." And it's always a
2 pleasure to come to. I like coming
3 to the hearings, because I get to
4 meet people either for or against.
5 I, generally, don't know much about
6 the permits when I come.
7 Occasionally, I do. But most of the
8 time, I don't. And it's nice to
9 listen. And I'm glad everybody came.
10 So let the Record reflect at this
11 time we'll be closing the Hearing.
12 It is 6:13 p.m., but we will hold the
13 Record open until seven o'clock, in
14 case they have some people who arrive

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16 later. We will take their comments
17 until seven o'clock. With that, I'll
18 close the meeting.
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3 R E P O R T E R ' S P A G E
4 I, Jan Berard, Certified Court
5 Reporter, in and for the State of Louisiana,
6 the officer, as defined in Rule 28 of the
7 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or
8 Article 1434 (b) of the Louisiana Code of
9 Civil Procedure, before whom this sworn
10 testimony was taken, do hereby state on the
11 Record:
12 That due to the interaction in the
13 spontaneous discourse of this proceeding,
14 dashes (--) have been used to indicate
15 pauses, changes in thought, and/or talkovers;
16 that same is the proper method for a Court
17 Reporter's transcription of proceeding, and

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I, Jan Berard, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby
certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
correct transcription of the voice-writing method of
the proceedings herein, reported by me at the time and
place hereinabove stated and thereafter transcribed
under my supervision to the best of my ability and
understanding.

Jan Berard, CCR
Certified Court Reporter
Louisiana License #24012

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